

London

LEITER TWICE IS DISAPPOINTED

Capital Millionaire Fails to Break Monte Carlo Bank or Enter Vesuvius.

YACHT SAILS FOR NAPLES

Housewarming of Ambassador Page's New Residence Is Held Informally. Many Friends Being Present.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Rome, Jan. 10.—Joseph Leiter, of Washington, has left for Naples aboard the Niagara, Howard Gould's yacht, which he has chartered for a cruise around the world.

Just before sailing he told several close friends that his failure to descend the crater of Mount Vesuvius was as keen a disappointment to him as failing to break the bank at Monte Carlo.

According to Prof. Mallandra, who holds the record for descents into the crater, the failure is imputed to Mrs. Leiter, who, after descending within fifty yards of the volcano, declared she no longer could stand the sulphurous exhalations and hastily retreated to the observatory.

The first informal housewarming party at the American Ambassador's residence has just been given, Mr. and Mrs. Page inviting many friends to inspect the decorations and historical frescoes adorning the stately salons of their new home, Deldrago Palace. Refreshments were served to the guests. The Ambassador expects to move in next Thursday, when he will hold his first big reception.

American Girls Attend Dance.

A delightful informal dance was given this week at the Misses Stone's School. A party of American girls, who are enjoying the rare privilege of pursuing their studies in Rome, contributed largely to the success of the entertainment, ably seconded by a group of students from the American Academy.

Many American social events were held during the week. Prof. and Mrs. Jesse Benedict Carter and Mrs. Lee being among the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Page, cousins of the Ambassador, entertained at the residence a large number of friends, including Mrs. Hazeltine, Mrs. Waldo Story, Dr. and Mrs. Bastianelli, formerly Miss May Rawle, of Philadelphia, Ambassador and Mrs. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gay, Mrs. Hurlbut and a large delegation of the Italian nobility.

Mr. and Mrs. Rita Nelson Morris, of Chicago, gave a dinner at the Grand Hotel in honor of Prince di Scala, under secretary for foreign affairs. Among the guests were Prof. and Mrs. Carter and former Naval Attaché Chester Stewart and Mrs. Stewart.

Miss Rita Klesin, of New York, is here to investigate certain features of the Montessori system of education of children, more especially the results said to have been obtained in the education of weaklings and undeveloped children. Miss Klesin expects to remain here five months.

J. White, American consul at Naples, is en route to his new post.

ALL-BRITISH DANCER THE RAGE

Miss Bedell, Latest Sensation, May Come Here.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, Jan. 10.—For many years past British audiences in variety halls have been educated to the idea that a great dancer must necessarily be a foreigner, but an "all-British" dancer has burst upon the horizon with phenomenal success.

Miss Phyllis Bedell, who is only twenty years old, has achieved a triumph at the Empire Theater in the face of tradition, and the critics believe that she will soon be known as one of the finest dancers in Europe.

As a result of her great success, the management of the Empire Theater has "taken on" Miss Bedell for two years. The young dancer's great ambition is to dance in New York, but this she cannot do until her contract with the Empire is at an end.

NO BREACH BETWEEN KAISER AND CHANCELLOR

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Berlin, Jan. 10.—The reported breach between Emperor Wilhelm and Chancellor von Bülow has been completely disproven.

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Leiter Sorry He Didn't Descend into Vesuvius

NEW READ FOR MUSIC HALL

Arthur Collins, Who Favors Americans, May Manage Empire.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, Jan. 10.—Arthur Collins, managing director of Drury Lane, is contemplating an excursion into vaudeville.

The Empire Music Hall, once London's most brilliant variety theater, has been "feeling a draught" ever since the reconstruction of Alhambra, under the direction of George Grossmith, drew all the gilded youth and lovely ladies of West End across Leicester Square and through its own portals.

It is proposed to ask Mr. Collins to take control and the idea is receiving his favorable consideration. If the deal comes off it will be good news for American vaudeville, for Mr. Collins has always shown himself partial to American talent.

Madge Lessing and Hale Hamilton are among the stars who first won prominence in this country under his engagement.

MRS. REID VISITING NIECE IN IRELAND

Widow of Former Ambassador Cordially Welcomed During Her Stay in England.

LONDON HAS A DULL WEEK

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, Jan. 10.—Nobody who is anybody in British society, according to the stringent laws of Mayfair, must be seen in London after New Year's Day—that is, of course, if they are playing the social game correctly.

Consequently, the last seven days have been the duller week in London for a long while. Switzerland, with its attractive list of winter sports, seems more popular than ever this year, while the English country, especially the midlands, also has come in for unusual attention.

But the palm goes to the Riviera, where thousands have departed during the last days of the old year and since. Egypt also is growing in popularity, especially with the Americans.

Mrs. Whitaker Reid has left Dudley House, Park Lane, where she has been staying with her daughter, the Hon. Mrs. John Ward, and has gone to visit Lord and Lady Granard (the former Miss Beatrice Naylton, of New York, big niece) at Castle Forbes, Ireland. Mrs. Reid while in London received from many old friends a cordial welcome.

Wears Wonderful Furs.

The Duchess of Marlborough looked very beautiful, wearing a wonderful set of furs, when, the other morning, she left London, accompanied by her son, the young Marquis of Blandford and Lord Ivor Spencer Churchill, for the Riviera.

It would surprise nobody if the Duke of Marlborough joined the family party on the Riviera, later on, and all returned to London together. It is in this way that the expected reconciliation will be announced.

The Countess of Ancaster, nee Brees, of New York, is very popular among the tenants and workmen of the Ancaster estate at Grimsthorpe. This week she gave two entertainments for them at which Lady Ancaster got a rousing welcome.

Lady Ancaster, formerly Miss Jennie Chamberlain, of Cleveland, is lending her magnificent mansion, Hyde Park House, for the St. Patrick's Day sale of the Royal Irish Industries Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Laughlin have returned to London after visiting Lord and Lady Granard at Castle Forbes. Mr. Laughlin is Ambassador Page's "fidus Achates."

The Duke of Manchester is having a quiet time during the duchess's absence in America, where she is visiting her parents. He went to Tandarage Castle, Ireland, this week.

Leaves for Belgrade.

M. Grouitch, Serbian charge d'affaires in London, who has been appointed under secretary for foreign affairs in Belgrade, will leave London at the end of this month to take up his appointment. Mme. Grouitch, who was formerly Miss Mabel Gordon Dunlop, of Virginia, will leave London later.

Mme. Bruguere, who with her friends, Mrs. Easton and Miss Tilmann, have returned to the Carlton from Paris, was booked to sail on the Oceanic Wednesday, and the critics believe that she will soon be known as one of the finest dancers in Europe.

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Countess of Warwick Blames U. S. Inventor

Paris

Lady Warwick Lays Her Financial Troubles to an American Inventor

Countess Explains Debts and Asks that Facts of Court Proceedings Be Presented to the Public.

London, Jan. 10.—Alleging that an American is at the bottom of all her financial worries, the Countess of Warwick, who is at present on the Riviera with her husband, has forwarded to the London bureau of The Washington Herald the statement printed below concerning events which she declares have led to her frequent appearances in the courts recently.

In forwarding the statement from Villa Roquebrune, Cape Martin, Lady Warwick mentions that she is debarré from giving the "true facts of the case," as she puts it, for publication in England, owing to the proceedings against her being still "sub judice."

She will return to London in a couple of weeks and tell her story to the court. In the meanwhile she is anxious that her American friends know her side of the story at the earliest possible moment.

Her Position Defined.

Briefly the position is this: In February, 1911, Mr. Sturges, a lawyer, obtained judgment against her on promissory notes for some \$10,000. Lady Warwick paid off about \$1,500 or \$2,000 of this judgment. In February last, she was examined as to her means, and on April 21 following, on the application of Mr. Sturges, a receiver was appointed for the purpose of trying to satisfy the judgment.

The receiver went to Easton Lodge, Dumfries, the Essex seat of the Countess, to check the inventory of furniture there, as attached to a bill of sale which at that time the London, Westminster Discount Company had over the furniture and effects, in connection with another transaction. He found that a picture by Sargent, a bust by the famous French sculptor Rodin, an automobile and all the silver and plate mentioned in the bill of sale had been removed.

It turned out that the picture had been sold by Lady Warwick to Asher Wertheimer for \$15,000 and that she had paid off the London, Westminster and Discount Company, and that there remained a balance which she had kept of \$2,500.

In an endeavor to find out what had become of the money and other things, a summons was taken out for the examination of Lady Warwick. She said she would be delighted to attend court and explain, provided that the examination was held prior to November 8, on which date she was leaving England for the Riviera, and all returned to London together. It is in this way that the expected reconciliation will be announced.

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the names among others of the late King Edward and Mr. Cecil Rhodes, which would have been dragged in. "As such statements could not possibly have any bearing on the case, and would only have been dragged in for obvious reasons, I reluctantly allowed judgment to be entered against me. Another factor, which also helped me to make up my mind not to fight the case, was that at that time I was arranging a scheme with my eldest son, Lord Brooke, under which my affairs would have been settled up satisfactorily, including even this unjust claim. This scheme, unfortunately, fell through.

Earl's Health a Factor.
"The Earl of Warwick's health is too bad for me to trouble him at the present time with my affairs, so I am left alone to face these unscrupulous attacks. The things I had moved from Easton Lodge, Dumfries, our Essex seat, were removed for quite another reason than the Sturges case, and altogether prior to the authority granted him by the court to restrain anything from being taken from the house.

"I have sold much valuable personal property to pay my legitimate debts, and have set aside from my income from settled properties all that I possibly can for this purpose, as I regard the paying of

these debts my first and only duty. I do not owe Sturges one penny morally, whatever the legal position may be. "I am eager to be examined by the court and thereby to show that no moral claim exists.

"Lord Brooke inherits large and unencumbered property at my death, and if certain arrangements, which I have already hinted at, had been carried out, this trouble would never have developed. I have been compelled, by reason of Earl Warwick's health, to remain temporarily in the south of France. I am confident my American friends will not believe that I would voluntarily withhold from any man his due. But I will resist this action to the uttermost and lose no opportunity of spreading the facts of the case.

"My only fault in the whole unfortunate matter is that I was deceived by Kallmann (who had come to me well recommended) and that I sought to help, what sounded like to me, a deserving case. I did so for no personal advantage and did not gain one cent by doing so. I confess that I was foolish, but I am not the first, nor shall I be the last, to take an unbusinesslike, thoughtless step with a perfectly honest intent.

British Reports Misleading.
"The reports in some of the English papers have been quite misleading. This is why I am taking this step to set my case before the American public, which has always shown me sympathy and kindness. I have never in my life repudiated a just claim, and I have no desire to begin now.

"The latest interpleader actions in the courts are, like the appeal court case, calculated to lead to a false impression. I have no moral responsibility in these cases than in the first. I backed a bill for Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley in return for shares in a company that, to put it mildly, was not what he alleged it to be. "Needless to say I did not receive one penny, and I have been sued for debts not contracted and liabilities I have not incurred, save in a technical sense."

HITCH OVER AZORES.

Plan for Neutralization of Islands Is Suspended.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, Jan. 10.—There has been an abrupt suspension of the negotiations between the Portuguese, British, German, and United States governments on the proposed neutralization of the Azores in the East Atlantic.

An armistice of sorts has been shown until now, but the turn affairs have taken, resulting from conditions made in Washington, is due primarily to the refusal of Germany and Great Britain to be represented officially at the Panama Exposition.

The neutralization of the islands is of great interest to every maritime and commercial nation. A glance at the map of the Western Hemisphere is enough to show what an important part the Azores, or the Western Isles, will play in relation to navigation to and from the new interoceanic canal, while it is to be noted that at the city of Horta, on the island of Fayal, there is a joint cable station occupied by English, German, and American companies, which have already erected ocean cables anchored there and in active service.

The main proposal under the consideration of the governments referred to is the arrangement of a joint treaty between Portugal and all the other civilized nations, establishing a neutral international zone in the archipelago of the Azores.

TENOR ON HIS WAY HERE.

McCormack to Fill English Engagement After American Tour.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, Jan. 10.—John McCormack, the young Irish tenor, who has had wonderful success in Australia, is now on his way to Canada, crossing the Pacific to British Columbia.

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Vatican Is Planning A Curb on Divorces

Berlin

Kaiser Sees War Film

Battle of Sedan Vividly Portrayed on Screen.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Berlin, Jan. 10.—One of the most elaborate and complicated moving picture shows yet produced has just been performed at Potsdam Palace by command of the Kaiser. It is a vividly lifelike and historically accurate representation of the battle of the Sedan, and shows the position and movement of the various bodies of troops engaged from the opening of the action to the close.

The photograph was taken under the direction of Capt. R. L. Mueller, who superintended the placing of the stage management of the troops engaged. Special pains were taken to make the movement of the mimic fighters conform to historical records.

The film contains 5,000 pictures. The Kaiser, War Minister Falkenhayn, and many members of the general staff witnessed the first display of the film, which is said to have a distinct educational value for military students.

GEORGIAN'S PLAN WINS \$5,000 PRIZE

Young Student Proposes Egyptian Fete as "Really New Social Stunt."

SEEKS MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Paris, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Jack Gouraud's \$5,000 for a really new social stunt was won this week. The successful idea is an Egyptian desert fete, and Mrs. Gouraud is about to leave for Egypt to purchase slaves, snakes, crocodiles, and the various impedimenta essential to impart reality to the entertainment which she will give in Paris next season.

The winner of the prize is a young Georgian art student whose name Mrs. Gouraud refuses to divulge.

"My offer," she said, "was meant purely for the artistic purposes of Paris to whom such a sum would be a great help in their careers. I had imagined the offer would be kept a profound secret among my friends. I never intended that the newspapers should mention it. It was not my plan to appeal to the public, because I knew I would certainly be bombarded with letters for the rest of the year. The winner probably will not like to have his name printed just now, but I intend announcing it during the Egyptian fete he has outlined, which will be the first thing of its kind Paris has ever seen."

Wants Marriage Annulled.

Mrs. Philip Van Valkenburgh, of New York, will soon start to Rome, where she intends to become a Catholic in order to obtain from the Holy See a decree annulling her marriage to Philip Van Valkenburgh.

"I was never married to this man," she said. "I have never lived with him, and there is no reason why I should have the name of being divorced from a man who never was my husband. My divorce has been granted in New York, and all that is necessary now is to request the final 'I wish to do so.' This, however, I do not intend to do."

The eve of her departure for the Riviera and Rome to become a Catholic and make the decision of a great tango and ball at the Ritz.

Mrs. A. W. Howe, sister of President Wilson, is here with her daughter, Mrs. Cathan, at the latter's little daughter, who is a member of an old Protestant family, refused to sign the agreement giving her husband charge of the education of their children. The fact created considerable sensation, as Ambassador O'Brien's efforts to keep the rupture secret failed, and the news quickly spread through the American colony here, causing much comment.

Will Change Rules.

As a result of the broken betrothal, Miss O'Donnell fell ill and went to a Swiss sanatorium.

The impression now prevails that the rules governing "mixed marriages" should be more revised and made more stringent. Inquiries have disclosed the fact that two months ago a circular was sent from the Vatican to all bishops requesting a report as to the number of "mixed marriages" performed in the respective dioceses and on the outcome of the union from all points of domestic and religious view. When the data is received the question will be submitted to the Congregation of Sacraments, which will discuss and decide upon the steps necessary to insure the happiness of couples of different religious faiths who marry in the future.

It is believed, henceforth, that the Vatican will exact from the Protestant marrying a Catholic a promise never to apply for a divorce nor to sue for an annulment. The religious marriage on other grounds than those recognized as valid by the church.

NEWBERRY ENJOYING BEAUTIES OF THE NILE

Former Secretary of the Navy Praises Egypt as a Winter Resort.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Cairo, Jan. 10.—The prospect for a British winter season in Egypt is never more favorable. Owing to the dry, sunny weather, great crowds of American tourists are attracted to Assouan, where the Saturday night dances at the Cat Hotel are large and well attended.

The sports committee are arranging a billiard tournament to be held in connection with the American tennis tournament, which will shortly take place. The game of billiards has been just opened with the promise of full bookings.

At the Heliopolis, the first winter meeting this week attracted many Americans and some excellent sport was witnessed. At the gymnasium, a highly interesting and varied program of sports.

Former United States Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry and Mrs. Newberry are occupying the suite at the Ritz Hotel. Mr. Newberry is highly delighted with Egypt. He told The Herald correspondent that it was well governed, and it provided with nice, clean roads, and he lived here with the greatest satisfaction from autumn to the beginning of summer. Mr. Newberry recently gave several brilliant banquets at Shepheard's, Marquis and Marchioness Strozzi being among the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Newberry will visit the antiquities of Luxor before leaving Egypt.

E. C. Layton, the Philadelphia capitalist, and his wife, are paying their seventh visit to Egypt. They have just left here on a twenty-days' excursion up the Nile.

STYLES BANISH MODISTY.

Ankles Freely Displayed by Season's Latest Paris Gowns.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Paris, Jan. 10.—The fashion experts of this capital of modes have decreed that modesty shall now move upwards in the matter of feminine styles. Instead of being discreetly draped, the ankles will now be freely displayed and the dresses will be cut so as to show plenty of daintily-worked hose.

While modesty is slackened at the feet, however, it is tightened at the head. The lower half of the face will be completely obscured with an opaque veiling, leaving only the eyes visible.

QUIET WEDDINGS NEW RULE.

Society Decides to Eliminate Many Invitation Affairs.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, Jan. 10.—There are many signs that wedding next year are to be quieter. An increasing number of rich people have decided that the "smart" wedding is rather vulgar and, indeed, unpleasant for all concerned. Instead of being discreetly draped, the ankles will now be freely displayed and the dresses will be cut so as to show plenty of daintily-worked hose.

The new idea is to reduce the invitations, any from 800 to between 50 and 100; the multitude of totally unearmarked acquaintances to be replaced by real friends and relations, with a pleasant old-fashioned breakfast instead of a wild scramble at a buffet.

Rome

VATICAN PLANS DIVORCE CURB.

Early Revision of Church's Attitude on "Mixed Marriages" Predicted.

MORE STRINGENT RULES

Trouble Over "Ne Temere" Decree Said to Be Reason for Reported Change.

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